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(1) Information Disclosure Statement

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (1 sheet, submitted in duplicate) are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above identified patent application.

(2) Statement Under 37 CFR §1.98(d)

A copy of U.S. Patent 6,110,259 is enclosed herewith. Copies of the other references cited by

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Applicants are not enclosed herewith, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d). Each item on the enclosed PTO-1449 forms, except the '259 patent, was cited by the Applicants in the following prior related case:

Serial No. 09/673,406 filed October 17, 2000.

Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, Applicants request that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate).

It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this communication. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 04-1420.

Respectfully submitted,

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